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Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Introduced by:
(JUD)

AN ACT CONCERNING YOUTH WHO RUN AWAY.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 46b-150f of the 2008 supplement to the general
2 statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof
3 (*Effective October 1, 2008*):

4 (a) Any selectman, town manager, police officer or welfare
5 department of any town, city or borough, any probation officer, any
6 superintendent of schools, any child-caring institution or agency
7 approved or licensed by the Commissioner of Children and Families,
8 any youth service bureau, a parent, [or] guardian, foster parent or
9 other custodian of a youth, or a representative of a youth, who believes
10 that the acts or omissions of a youth are such that such youth is a
11 youth in crisis may file a written complaint setting forth those facts
12 with the Superior Court which has venue over the matter.

13 (b) A petition alleging that a youth is a youth in crisis shall be
14 verified and filed with the Superior Court which has venue over the
15 matter. The petition shall set forth plainly: (1) The facts which bring
16 the youth within the jurisdiction of the court; (2) the name, date of

17 birth, sex and residence of the youth; (3) the name and residence of the
18 parent or parents, guardian, foster parent, other custodian or other
19 person having control of the youth; and (4) a prayer for appropriate
20 action by the court in conformity with the provisions of this section.

21 (c) Upon determination that a youth is a youth in crisis in
22 accordance with policies established by the Chief Court Administrator,
23 the court may make and enforce orders, including, but not limited to,
24 orders: (1) Directing the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to suspend
25 the motor vehicle operator's license of the youth in crisis for a period of
26 time, as directed by the court, but not to exceed one year; (2) requiring
27 work or specified community service; (3) mandating that the youth in
28 crisis attend an educational program in the local community approved
29 by the court; (4) requiring mental health services; (5) referring the
30 youth in crisis to a youth service bureau, provided one exists in the
31 local community; and (6) reviewing the option of emancipation,
32 pursuant to section 46b-150 of the 2008 supplement to the general
33 statutes, of the youth in crisis or the parent, [or] guardian, foster parent
34 or other custodian of such youth in crisis. Upon determination that a
35 youth is a youth in crisis because the youth has without just cause run
36 away from the parental home or other properly authorized and lawful
37 place of abode, the court may, prior to January 1, 2010, order the youth
38 in crisis to be subject to the control of the youth's parent or parents,
39 guardian, foster parent or other custodian, except as required under
40 any other provision of law, for a period of time, as directed by the
41 court, but not beyond the date the youth attains the age of eighteen. A
42 youth in crisis found to be in violation of any order under this section
43 shall not be considered to be delinquent and shall not be punished by
44 the court by incarceration in any state-operated detention facility or
45 correctional facility.

46 (d) The Judicial Department may use any funds appropriated for
47 purposes of this chapter for costs incurred by the department or the
48 court pursuant to this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2008</i>	46b-150f
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Statement of Purpose:

To allow a court to order a youth who has run away from the parental home who is determined to be a youth in crisis to return to the control of the parents, guardian, foster parent or other custodian of the youth.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]